

President Bush said, "America's unwillingness to embrace a flawed treaty should not be read by our friends and allies as any abdication of responsibility."

First and foremost, when you look at the Kyoto Treaty, several of the largest polluters on the planet are not willing or able or interested in complying: China being the lead among them.

Somehow we are attacking the President as he embarks on a European trip by suggesting he is allowing the world to become more polluted. To the contrary. Our President suggested that we look at a treaty that is not only verifiable, but is capable of causing some of these problems to subside and start creating a cleaner environment.

These two issues indicated that we need a truth meter around this place because those who would charge our party with abandoning environmental concerns are doing so for political gain and expediency. They are so desperate to control both sides of the aisle, they are willing to lie their way through these processes and procedures in order to point the blame at one party and one President alone.

I think this clearly indicates that, yes, politically popular as the Kyoto Treaty may be in some quarters, the most important job of the President of the United States is to make certain that we can do it and do it affordably.

One of the things in the Kyoto Treaty it suggests is if another country cannot clean up their own act, that they will help pay for another nation to help clean up theirs, which means it transfers the responsibility of payments from one country to another to clean up global pollution.

Mr. Speaker, I want to see cleaner air and cleaner water, and I want our Nation to participate. But I support the President as he endeavors to make it a reasonable, meaningful, comprehensive agreement that includes all parties. Let us not leave the table waiting and wanting with political sound bite and rhetoric. Let us make certain that we send a signal strongly and clearly to the administration that we want to support a treaty, but we do not want it to be one-sided and we do not want the consumers of the United States to foot the egregious bill that will be left because of these types of treaties.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The Chair reminds Members that remarks in debate may not be directed to the other body, and may not include characterizations of the Senate or its actions or its Members.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There being no further requests for morning hour debates, pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the House will stand in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WHITFIELD) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Reverend Charles C. Hobbs, First Baptist Church, Rogersville, Tennessee, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we praise You that You chose to redeem us through Your act of love.

You have blessed us with the opportunity to help others even as we enjoy the blessings of this land.

You have given us intelligence to use the products of Your universe for the benefit of all mankind.

You have given us a spiritual dimension, challenging us to combine opportunity and intelligence to achieve the goals for which You created us.

Deliver us, O God, from the foolishness of spiritual arrogance, which overlooks opportunity, minimizes intelligence, and refuses the benefit of spiritual guidance.

Help us nationally to know that our best days are before us, that our past days can instruct us, and that we must use today to help us become laborers together with God.

In our Lord's name. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TRAFICANT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### WELCOME TO REVEREND CHARLES C. HOBBS, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE

(Mr. JENKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome our chaplain for the day and thank him for coming.

Mr. Speaker, the Reverend Charles Hobbs, who is our chaplain for the day,

over a long period of time as a teacher at Carson-Newman College, a Baptist college in Jefferson City, Tennessee, and as a minister in numerous Baptist churches throughout east Tennessee, has influenced literally tens of thousands of lives in a very positive way.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Hobbs for coming here today, for imparting to us his wisdom through this opening prayer, this prayer for this House of Representatives and for this Nation. I certainly want to thank Chaplain Coughlin and the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) for extending this invitation to him.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 11, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 11, 2001 at 9:37 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1914.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,  
Clerk of the House.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO CENTER FOR RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, pursuant to section 313(2)(a) of Public Law 106-554, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Center for Russian Leadership Development:

Mr. AMO HOUGHTON, New York.

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO NATIONAL COMMISSION TO ENSURE CONSUMER INFORMATION AND CHOICE IN AIRLINE INDUSTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to Section 228(d)(1) of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (Public Law 106-181), the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry:

Mr. Gerald J. Roper, Illinois;  
Mr. Paul M. Ruden, Virginia.